

PBCC EMERITUS FACULTY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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Joan Young, Editor



*Left-Right
John & Helen Darcy and Bill & Ginny Boorman at the pre-holiday social luncheon.*

President's Message

The Emeritus Faculty Association has had a good, positive year. Many thanks go to Betty Morgan, who gave a truly informative presentation about her medical missionary trip to India, and to Bill Buntin, PBCC Coordinator of Media Services, who gave up his lunch period to attend the meeting and answer questions about changes at the College—especially the growth of electronic materials in the library, classrooms, and offices. He also offered a guided tour of the Central Campus for all who wanted to see the new and the changed.

The first ever **pre-holiday social luncheon** on December 1 was a rousing success. Some 45 members and guests enjoyed good fellowship, renewed friendships, excellent food, and a great “white-elephant” gift exchange. People found new homes for items they did not hold dear and acquired other treasures in return. Some of these gifts were really great. The event was held in the Palm Room at the Atlantis Country Club, a room beautifully decorated in holiday trappings—trees, flowers, other colorful objects. Such a good time was had that many clamored for a repeat engagement this year! Always eager to please, we have made such arrangements,

booking the Palm Room for Friday, December 7, 2001, at 11:00 A.M. Mark that day on your calendars, and invite friends and family members to come with you for our second annual pre-holiday bash. You will receive specific information later, so let's increase the attendance over that of last time—50 would be great; 60 would fill the room!

Our annual meeting is rapidly approaching—**Tuesday, May 8, at 10:00 A.M.** This time is selected so that we can honor our new retirees, who still have some work obligations to fulfill. We will be electing officers for the 2001-2002 year, along with other Association business. There will again be a drawing for a \$50.00 dinner certificate. (Honey Duncan won the prize at the October meeting.)

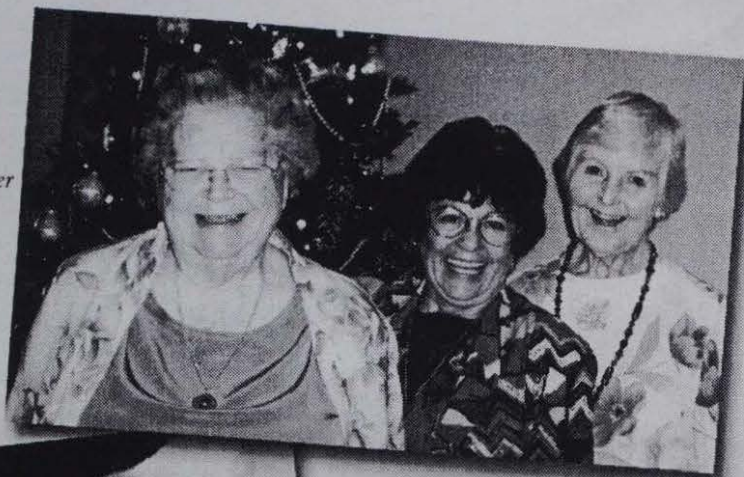
The annual meeting will be held in the Faculty Dining Room (adjacent to the cafeteria) on the Central Campus. Security will close off parking spaces in the lot just south of the cafeteria. **Park between the orange cones.** Let's have a good turnout!

Faye Ledbetter will collect dues at the meeting. We now have 91 members in the Association, and we are growing. Please send us your e-mail address so that we can add that to the address and phone list.

See you all soon!

—Bill Wilson

*Left-right
Betty Morgan,
Rosalie Morrissey
and Faye Ledbetter*



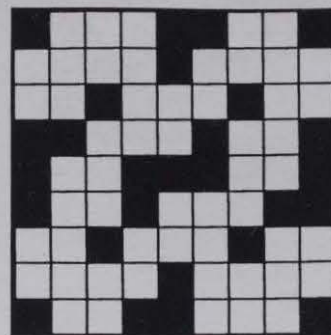
*Left-right
Joan Holloway and
Louise Barton*



*Below left-right
Bill Wilson and Liz Allred*



*Left-right
Eleanor Myatt, Beverly Hartman and Joan Young*



Come across and come on down!

During the St. Patrick's Day weekend, almost 400 crossword puzzle solvers gathered in the Hotel Marriott in Stamford, CT, to compete in the annual American Crossword Puzzle Tournament.

Contestants varied in age from 16 to 82, about evenly divided between women and men. They came from 30 states, the District of Columbia, Canada, and Europe. I was one of them.

This was the 11th consecutive year that I've been competing in this tournament, and I came away with a trophy for placing third in the Senior Division for the third year in a row. (Prizes are awarded in several categories: Skill Divisions A, B, C, D, and E; Age Divisions; and several Geographical Divisions.) In 1991, I placed second in Division C.

I also construct crossword puzzles and sell them to various magazines, so another reason I enjoy this tournament every year is the chance to socialize with many of the topnotch crossword creators and editors who attend. Most of them serve as officials; a few of them compete.

And, of course, I always enjoy seeing my friend, Will Shortz, again. He is the puzzle editor of *The New York Times* and director of this tournament, which he organized in 1978.

This year the tournament was featured on ABC's "Good Morning, America" on March 19 and on CBS's "Sunday

Morning" on March 25, as well as in several articles in major newspapers. Are you into crosswords? If you want to know more about the tournament, visit www.crossword.com or call me at 964-3238.

—Joan Young.

Happy News of Retirees

Janelle Bloodworth gave a speech to the Civil War Round Table recently.

One of our overseas-residing members,

Joan Jones has interesting news to report, as always, from her home in Malaga, Spain. Last September, after visiting with friends in Palm Beach County (as part of a free, Frequent-Flyer-Mile round trip from Madrid to Honolulu), she went on to visit with her son and his family in Hawaii. She writes that they enjoy "a wonderful life in 'paradise'" and that Hawaii would be her "first choice, but it is simply too expensive!"

Joan Young has remained active with the Florida Association of Community Colleges. This year she was elected as Chair-Elect of the Retirees Commission at the state level and also Secretary of the PBCC FACC Chapter. She is the first retired member of FACC to hold an office in a local college chapter.

During September, **Sylvia Meeker** went on an Elder Hostel trip with a friend. They traveled for 18 days by bus, following the trail of Lewis and Clark from St. Louis, MO, to Portland, OR. Then they met with Sylvia's brother-in-law and his wife, who live in Walla Walla, WA, to tour Portland. They all stayed at the Mt. Hood Lodge in order to view the after-effects of the eruption of some years back.

Dottie Witherspoon is teaching reading part-time at Malcolm X College, one of Chicago's seven city colleges.

Last summer she enjoyed the sights of the Southwestern United States on a 12-day tour.

Ginny and Bill Boorman's daughter, Stacy, an RN at Holy Cross Hospital in Fort Lauderdale, was married in March. Their son, Eric, is a second-year resident in anesthesia at the University of South Florida. He does Aikido and swims and works out at a gym in Tampa. Bill writes that Ginny is still active in the local chapter of the Florida Nurses Association, but "has developed balance, speech, and writing difficulties, which the doctors have labeled 'Parkinsonism.' She is in good spirits." Bill is teaching a couple of courses at PBCC, flies for the Coast Guard 2 or 3 times a month, and captains a ketch, which is moored in the Keys. Busy man!

Eleanor Myatt writes: "Last summer I took a delightful three-week Globus tour of Denmark, Sweden and Norway and loved every strenuous minute of the trip. Our bus went right through Odeshog, lakeside home of my mother's mother's parents, who emigrated to the U.S. in 1859. Scenery, most notably in Norway and Sweden, was spectacular, featuring snow-covered mountains, where we drove and made snowballs; glaciers; waterfalls; brooding fjords where we sailed several times; hotels both by the water or atop mountains high above; historic cities like Bergen, Oslo, Stockholm and Copenhagen; cordial, well-mannered, fluently English-speaking people; fascinating shops, museums full of Viking relics such as their long ships; parks, palaces, the Lillehammer Olympics site; the Kon-tiki raft and Amundsen's polar warships."

New member **Ivor Lois Wetherby**, who was a librarian at PBCC during the 70's, worked at Miami-Dade CC from 1978-1987, then took a Civil Service position as a medical librarian

with the U.S. Army at Fort Jackson, SC, retired in 1989 and returned "home" to Lake Worth. She has also traveled extensively over the years.

Dorothy Manor was hospitalized a few months ago, but has fully recuperated. **Marjorie Toomath** injured her knee and underwent surgery in February. She says she is still recuperating and must be very careful.

Have you been there? **Helen Darcey** wants to know if you've ever been to Turkey, because the Darceys will be traveling there soon and would like some tips. They will also be attending the Adult University of Cornell in Ithaca, NY, in the near future.

Don Busselle, who retired in 1988, has had a collection of his short stories published by iUniverse.com entitled *The Enchanted Mall and Other Stories*. It may be downloaded or ordered in print from iUniverse.com or Amazon.com or ordered from any bookstore. Don may be contacted at dbussells@worldnet.att.net.

Phyllis Leapman and her husband celebrated their 34th anniversary last October with a seven-day Caribbean cruise. Phyllis works as a volunteer two days a week at the Alzheimer Day Care Center in Boynton Beach.

Art and **Ethel Fowler** visited with Mavilene Prentice at Lake Martin last July and cruised to Bermuda in August.

Mary Alice Pugh was very active with the Republican Party last year, working in the New Hampshire primary and on the Presidential campaign in South Carolina, and, as she writes: "Of course, the high point was the Convention." In May she toured Hawaii. Flying by helicopter over the volcano on the Big Island, climbing to the top of Diamond Head, and visiting the Alabama Memorial and the *U.S.S. Missouri* were some of her adventures there.



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In Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of **Edith Faye Easterling**, who died December 24 in Mississippi.

Also to **Bob Holzman**, former Chairman of the Business Department at the Lake Worth Location, whose wife, Muriel died last **may** in their home in Virginia



If you would like to request that a card be sent, contact:

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MAY MEETING

At our next meeting, set for **Tuesday, May 8, at 10:00 A.M.** in the **Faculty/Staff Dining Room, Lake Worth Location**, we will elect officers and introduce this year's PBCC retirees. There will also be a drawing for a \$50.00 certificate for dinner at a local restaurant.

SEND MEMBERSHIP DUES TO:

Faye Ledbetter

3282 Diamondhead Rd.
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Associate Membership

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Honorary Membership

\$5.00 - Spouse of a deceased or incapacitated member

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